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MERGER DISSOLUTION MAY EXTEND TO JULY

Attorney General Will Oppose Disposa of Harriman Lines' Stock After that Date.

PUBLIC ENTITLED TO RELIEF

Attorney General McReynolds yester-day afternoon filed his answer to the motion of the Union Pacific Railroad Company before the United States Supreme Court for an extension of time for presenting a plan for the dissoluion of the Harriman lines merger. The Attorney General's answer is as fol

Attorney General's answer is as follows:

"I submit the question, without expressing any opinion thereon, whether this court has jurisdiction to grant the relief now asked.

"Under the peculiar circumstances shown, I am of opinion that to extend the time, during which a plan for disposing of the stock in question may be presented, until July 1, 1913, may be greatly to the public interest. Among other things, such an extension, possibly, may result in bringing about a state of affairs which will render unnecessary certain troublesome litigation now in contemplation.

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"Accordingly, I am willing that the time be enlarged until July 1, 1913. But I emphatically oppose any extension beyond that date, and with equal emphasis oppose an order granting the Distric ourt power to enlarge such time as it ay decide. "This cause has been before the courts

for more than five years, and the pub-lic entitled to early relief, in harmony with the statute which declares that 'such case shall be given precedence over others and in every way expedited."
"The original petition was filed Febru-

The cause was heard below on octo-ber 10, 1910, and was held under advise-ment until June 24, 1911, when a final decree was entered.

"On August 31, 1911, an appeal was taken to this court, and, having been advanced, was argued here on April 19, 22, and 23, 1912. The opinion was handed down December 2, 1912."

POST CARDS TO BE RETURNED.

In Future They Will Not Be Sent to Dend Letter Office.

An order of particular importance to Postmaster General Burleson, which provides for the return to the sender of all domestic postal cards and post cards deposited for local delivery which are unpaid, misdirected, unmailable, and unclaimed when such card bears the ad-dress of the sender. This arrangement will reduce the number of cards sent to the division of dead letters annually

to the division of dead letters annually 12,000,000 and result in an economy of \$10,000 in transportation alone.

All other undeliverable domestic cards will be held for reclamation two weeks, and then, if not delivered, will be destroyed or disposed of as waste by postmasters, except those that might be obscere or securious or bear uncanceled.

masters, except those that might be ob-scene or scurrilous or bear uncanceled postage stamps, including the reply half of double postal cards, will be sent to the division of dead letters. Before being disposed of as waste the written communications on undelivered cards will be canceled or mutilated, so as to prevent the improper use of the correspondence. All undeliverable postal cards and post cards of foreign origin will be sent to the division of dead let-ters.

ABATEMENT PLEA FILED.

Charge Made that Grand Jury In-

dicting Youth Is Not Valid. In a plea for abatement filed by Matthew E. O'Brien, attorney for John J. Patten, one of four boys charged with the murder of John Spencer, colored, it is alleged that the present grand jury is not valid, because their names were drawn in private, whereas the law requires a public drawing of names of prospective jurors. A hearing will be held this week, after Assistant United States Attorney Proctor has made an in-

Frank Dougherty, Joseph O'Donnell, and Joseph Needham, indicted with Pat ten, pleaded not guilty in Criminal Court No. 1, yesterday. Permission to withdraw the pleas pending the investi-gation of Attorney O'Brien's charges was obtained by attorneys for the other de-fendants. Patten will not plead until the question raised by his attorney has been

Opposes New Name for Church. The vestry of Epiphany parish has lopted resolutions deprecating the plan on foot to change the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Unit-ed States at the next general confer-ence, and urging the delegates to the diocesan convention to send such deputies to the general convention as will oppose the movement. It is also urged that consideration be given in the convention to some system of representa-tion that will be more nearly propor-tionate to the number of communicants n the several dioceses.

Not So Bad Here After All. In order to counteract the effect of any lurid stories of Washington's sum any lurid stories of Washington's sum-mer weather that may have been set afloat, and to set at rest any apprehen-sions President Wilson may feel be-cause of them. Secretary Tom Grant, of the Chamber of Commerce, has sent to the President, through Secretary Tu-multy, a table showing the average tem-peratures in this city compared with those in Hanover, N. H., the proposed summer home of the Chief Executive. The figures apeak well for Washington summers.



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NAVAL OFFICERS NOT BLAMED.

Representative Explains How Dolphin Was Nearly Struck by Shot. "No blame attaches to any one and regret that the newspaper accounts ac cused the naval officers of gross negligence.

It was stated yesterday by Representa tive Witherspoon of Mississippi, one of the party of Senators and Representatives on board the Dolphin, when the monitor Taliahassee on Friday fired a 150 pound projectile from a 12-inch gun within ten feet of the statesmen standing on the Doliphin's deck.

Doliphin's deck.

Mr. Witherspoon said the near accident resuited because the gunners on the Tallahassee mistook the white, yellowish spot on the smokestack of the tug Hercules for a white spot on the steel target at which the Tallahassee was firing. There was a heavy haze and the gunners could not seen the pot see yell. ould not see well

The shot passed ten feet over the smokestack of the Hercules and through a passage between a smokestack of the Dolphin and her mast, and landed fifty yards beyond the stem of the Dolphin.

FAVORABLE REPORT ORDERED.

Hugh M. Smith Will Be Next Fish Commissioner.

After listening to charges flied by W. Elliott, of Washington Henry against Hugh M. Smith, nominated for Commissioner of Fisheries, the Senate Committee on Fisheries yesterday agreed unanimously to recommend Mr. Smith's confirmation. It was stated that Mr. El-liott's charges reflected on the government's policy with respect to the fur seal industry in Alaska. Secretary of Com-merce Redfield and Mr. Smith were present to answer them.

ent to answer them.

Mr. Elliott at various times had criticised the course of Mr. Bowers, the retiring commissioner, and renewed his fight against the Bureau of Fisheries nissioner, was elevated to the onership.

ASSISTANT IS NAMED.

Charles Lawrence Will Superintend Rock Creek Park Condemnation. Charles Lawrence, of Nashville, Tenn.,

charies Lawrence, of Nasaville, Tenn., yeaterday was appointed an Assistant Attorney General of the United States, at a salary of \$2,750.

Mr. Lawrence probably will be the new representative of the Department of Justice to have charge of the condemnation proceedings in connection with the purchase of land in the lower Rock Creek Valley

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